

(The title with brackets for deletions and underlines for additions is shown in attached Appendix A.)

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification so the cross-reference paragraph inserted at page 1, line 1 by amendment requested with the filing of this application reads as follows:


CI This application is a continuation of application number 09/259,902, filed February 26, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,317,718, issued November 13, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

(A marked-up version of this paragraph showing the additions and deletions is in the attached Appendix .)

REMARKS

With this Second Preliminary Amendment, the application is in condition for early action on the merits. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be helpful in expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

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APPENDIX A

(deletions bracketed and additions underlined)

Please amend the title as follows:

“[System, Method and Article of Manufacture for] Location-Based Filtering for a Shopping Agent in the Physical World.”

Please amend the cross-reference at page 1 of the specification as follows:

“This application is a continuation of application number 09/259,902, filed February 26, 1999 [(pending)], now U.S. Patent No. 6,317,718, issued November 13, 2001, which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.”